



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Doreen Drive Neighborhood Fuel Break		
PROJECT LOCATION	Sec 4, T3S R1E; Sec 29, 32, 33 T2S, R1E, HB&M 7.5 Min Quads: Honeydew, Bull Creek	COUNTY	Humboldt
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project will reduce hazardous fire fuels around the local volunteer fire station and along the only ingress and egress route for 14 privately owned parcels, ranging from 40-200 acres. Doreen Drive serves as the only ingress/egress for the 40 residents. The project begins at the recently treated Bull Creek Road and follows Doreen Drive for 3 miles through densely wooded forests, decreasing in elevation from 2300ft to 1200ft. The project area was historically a grassland ridgeline that served as a firebreak, but now is 81% dense forest due to encroachment of Douglas-fir and tanoak, with patches of dense and dying non-native Ponderosa pine and various ladder fuels. Treatments include the removal of young trees, dead or dying trees, brush, and ladder fuels along Doreen Drive for a distance from 15-50 feet on either side of the road for a total of 39 acres of treatment. The areas surrounding Honeydew Fire Station will be thinned of fire fuels, both vertically and horizontally, totaling 7 acres. Push back of the historic ridgeline prairie footprint by removing young, overcrowded, hazardous conifer trees which have encroached in the meadow on approximately 13 acres. Removed materials will either be chipped, lopped and scattered, used as firewood or pile burned.

EXEMPTION STATUS

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Categorical Exemption | Type and Section: Class 1, 4 | §15301 Existing Facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Statutory Exemption (state code section): | | §15304 (i) Minor Alterations to Land |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a)) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)) | | |

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under portions of three Categorical Exemptions to CEQA:

- **Class 1 - Existing Facilities.** This includes treatment areas where vegetation removal is conducted periodically to maintain fuel breaks, fire roads, road corridors, temporary refuge areas, helicopter landing zones, and communication facilities.
- **Class 4 - Minor Alterations to Land.** This includes treatment areas where vegetation treatment does not involve removal of mature, healthy, or scenic trees. These treatments have negligible or no permanent effects on the landscape and will not result in the taking of rare, endangered or threatened species of plants or animals.

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply that would preclude the use of a notice of exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland or timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation or traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE Humboldt - Del Norte Unit HQ, 118 Fortuna Blvd., Fortuna, CA 95540.

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